Seventy Ways to Earn Reward from Allaah

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All praise is due to Allaah alone; may He send salutations and exalt the mention of the seal of all Prophets and Messengers, our Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his companions.

It is from the mercy of Allaah that He has legislated many deeds through which people can earn great rewards. In this leaflet, we will mention some of the acts which Muslims should exert extra effort in performing in order to increase their account in their record of good deeds.

1. **Repentance done sincerely for Allaah:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said*: **"Allah will forgive the sins of anybody who repents before the sun rises from the west (i.e., a major sign for the Day of Judgment)."*** *(Muslim)* He (ﷺ) also said*: **"Allaah accepts the repentance of His slaves until the time of their death (i.e., when the soul is departing)."*** *(Tirmidhi)*

2. **'Umrah during Ramadhaan:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said*: **"Performing 'Umrah during it (Ramadhaan) is like performing Hajj with me."*** *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

3. ***Recitation of the Qur'aan:*** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Recite the Qur'aan, for it will intercede for you (with Allaah) on the Day of Judgment."*** *(Muslim)*

4. ***Learning and teaching the Qur’aan:*** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“The best amongst you is the one who learns the Qur’aan and teaches it to others.”*** *(Bukhaari)*

5. **The Mention of Allaah:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“Shall I not tell you about the best of your deeds, the most pure (i.e., righteous and sincere) of them to your Creator, that which will entitle you to the highest ranks, which is better for you than donating gold and silver for the sake of Allaah, which is better than fighting your enemies in Jihaad where you kill them or they kill you (i.e., you become martyrs)?”*** The people replied: *“Yes, O Messenger of Allaah.”* So he (ﷺ) said: ***“The mention of Allaah.”*** *(Tirmidhi)*

6. **Seeking Allaah's forgiveness:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“For he who always seeks the forgiveness of Allaah, Allaah will relieve him from all adversities, make a way out for him from all hardships and provide him from means which he could never have expected.”*** *(Nasaa'i)*

7. **Performing complete and proper ablution:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“Whosoever performs a complete and proper ablution, sins will leave his body - even from under his nails.”*** *(Muslim)*

8. **Supplicating between the Adhaan and Iqaamah:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“Supplication between the***

Adhaan and Iqaamah is not rejected.” So people asked: *“What should we ask for?”* He (ﷺ) replied: ***“Ask Allaah for His forgiveness.”*** *(Tirmidhi)*

9. **Performing the five daily prayers:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“There is no Muslim who, at the time of prayer, performs ablution properly, then performs the prayer in humility before Allaah and perfects its pillars; except that this will expiate all his past minor sins. This is for every prayer throughout his life.”*** *(Muslim)*

10. **Offering Fajr and ‘Asr prayers promptly:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“Whoever performs the two cool prayers (i.e., ‘Asr and Fajr) on time will enter Paradise.”*** *(Bukhaari)*

11. **Supplicating during the virtuous time on Fridays:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“There is a virtuous time every Friday; never does a Muslim supplicate during it except that Allaah grants him what he asks for.”*** *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

12. **Reciting chapter Al-Kahf from the Qur'aan on Fridays:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***“Whoever recites chapter Al-Kahf on a Friday will have a light (i.e., will be guided) between it and the next Friday.”*** *(Nasaa’i)*

13. **Going to the mosque:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"Whoever goes to the mosque to pray and returns; Allaah will make a dwelling for him in Paradise for every time he goes (and every time he comes back)." *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

14. Praying in congregation: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Praying in congregation is twenty seven multiples higher in rewardthan praying alone ."*** *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

15. Offering supererogatory prayers: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Allaah will build a dwelling in Paradise for anyone who prays twelve supererogatory rak'ah daily in addition to the compulsory prayers."*** *(Muslim)*

16. Offering funeral prayers: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whosoever attends a funeral and prays over the dead receives a reward equal to a Qiraat, and whosoever was also present at the burial receives a reward equal to two Qiraat."*** So people asked: *"What is a Qiraat?"* He (ﷺ) replied: ***"It is equal to twice the size of the greatest mountain (i.e. Uhud)."*** *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

17. Women praying at home: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Do not deprive women from praying in the houses of Allaah (i.e., the mosques) but praying at home is better for them (in reward)."*** *(Abu Daawood)*

18. Supplications after prayer: The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"Allaah will forgive the sins, even if they were as much as the foam of the sea, for anyone who exalts Allaah thirty-three times saying 'Subhaanallaah', praises Him thirty-three times saying 'Al-Hamdulillaah' and glorifies Him thirty-three times saying 'Allaahu Akbar', and then completes the supplications to be one hundred by saying: 'None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, without partner. To Him belong sovereignty and praise, and He is over all things Omnipotent.' " *(Muslim)*

19. **Thanking Allaah after eating or drinking:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Allaah is pleased with the slave who thanks Him after eating or drinking*** (When Allaah is pleased with a slave He forgives his sins)***."*** *(Muslim)*

20. **Zakaat Al-Fitr:** *Ibn 'Abbaas* (رضي الله عنه) said: ***"The Messenger of Allaah*** (ﷺ) ***made Zakaat Al-Fitr obligatory as a means of purifying the fasting person from idle talk and foul language and feeding the poor. It is accepted as Zakaat from whoever pays it before the ('Eed) prayer, and as a (simple) charity from whoever pays it after that."*** *(Abu Dawood)*

21. **Optional charity:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Charity wipes out sins as water extinguishes fire."*** *(Tirmidhi)*

22. **Paying charity secretly:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Righteous deeds protect a person from an evil end; a charity spent in secret extinguishes Allaah's wrath; and maintaining good ties of kinship increases ones lifespan."*** *(Tabaraani)*

23. **Spreading the Islaamic salutation (of salaam):** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"O people! Spread the salaam; maintain good ties with kin; and pray at night while people are sleeping, then you will enter Paradise peacefully."*** *(Tirmidhi)*

24. **Removing harmful objects from people's way:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"I saw a man enjoying himself in Paradise (simply) because he removed from a road a tree that used to harm people."*** *(Muslim)*

25. **Dutifulness to parents:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"What a loss is for him! What a loss is for him! What a loss is for him!"*** Someone asked: "Who, O Allaah's Messenger?" He replied: ***"He whose parents reach old age, either one or both of them, and he does not use their presence (by being good to them, etc.) to cause him to enter Paradise."*** *(Muslim)*

26. **The wife's obedience to her husband:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"If a woman prays the five obligatory daily prayers, fasts the month of Ramadaan, guards her private parts (from adultery and fornication), and is***

obedient to her husband, she will be able to enter Paradise from any of its gates." *(Ibn Habbaan)*

27. Earning lawfully: The Prophet (ﷺ) was asked about the best earnings, he replied: ***"Those which a man earns by his hands, or any other lawfully earned money."*** *(Haakim)*

28. Providing for ones family: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"If a man provides for his family hoping for the reward, it will be counted as charity for him."*** *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

29. Providing for widows and the needy: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"One who provides for widows and the poor is like one who fights Jihad for the sake of Allaah (in reward)."*** He (ﷺ) added***: "(He is) like one who prays at night without tiring and one who fasts continuously."*** *(Bukhaari)*

30. Nurturing the orphan: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"I and the one who nurtures an orphan will be like this in Paradise (then he joined his index and middle fingers together)."*** *(Bukhaari)*

31. Stroking the head of an orphan: The Prophet (ﷺ) said in reply to a man who complained about the hardness of his own heart: ***"Stroke the head of an orphan and feed the needy."*** *(Ahmad)*

32. Fulfilling people's needs: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"It better for one of you to fulfil the need of his brother (in Islaam) than residing for I'tikaaf in my mosque for two months."*** *(Haakim)*

33. Visiting Muslims: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Prophets will be in Paradise, the truthful will be in Paradise, and those who visit their Muslim brothers purely for the sake of Allaah will be in Paradise."*** *(Tabaraani)*

34. Visiting the sick: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"When a Muslim visits his sick brother, he never ceases to be in a Khurfah of paradise until he returns."*** He was asked: *"What is a Khurfah?"* He (ﷺ) replied***: "Its fruits."*** *(Muslim)*

35. Maintaining ties with those who sever them: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Al-waasil (i.e., one who maintains ties) is not the one who recompenses the good done to him by his relatives, but Al-waasil is the one who keeps good relations with those relatives who sever the bond of kinship with him."***

36. Cheering up Muslims: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"On the Day of Resurrection, Allaah will cheer up (by His forgiveness) He who cheers up his fellow Muslim."*** *(Tabaraani)*

37. Easing matters for those in hardship: The Prophet

(ﷺ) said: ***"Allaah will make matters easy in the Hereafter for he who eases hardship for a Muslim."*** *(Muslim)*

38. **Being kind and merciful to the weak:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Allaah will be merciful with those who are merciful with others; be merciful with those on the earth, and the One above the heavens will be merciful with you."*** *(Tirmidhi)*

39. **Reconciling between people:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Should I not tell you of a deed that is a rank higher than fasting, praying and spending in charity?"*** People replied: *"Indeed, O messenger of Allaah"* He (ﷺ) replied: ***"Reconciling between people."*** *(Abu Daawood)*

40. **Having good manners:** When the Prophet (ﷺ) was asked about which act leads people to enter Paradise the most, he replied: ***"Piety and good manners."*** *(Tirmidhi)*

41. **Being bashful:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Bashfulness is a part of faith, and faith leads to Paradise."*** *(Ahmad)*

42. **Truthfulness:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Be truthful, as truthfulness leads to virtue, and virtue leads to Paradise."*** *(Bukhaari)*

43. **Forgiveness and controlling anger:** Allaah says what means: ***"And march forth in the way (which leads) to forgiveness from your Lord and Paradise as wide as are the Heavens and the Earth, prepared for the pious. Those who spend (in Allaah's cause) in prosperity and in adversity, who repress anger and who pardon men; verily, Allaah loves the good-doers."*** *(Aali-'Imraan:133-134)*

44. **Shaking hands:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Never do two Muslims shake hands except that their sins are forgiven before they depart."*** *(Abu Daawood)*

45. **Having a cheerful face:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Do not undermine any kind deed, even if it is to meet your Muslim brother with a cheerful face."*** *(Muslim)*

46. **Leniency during trade:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"May Allaah have mercy upon the one who is easy when he buys and easy when he disputes (i.e., forgives easily)."*** *(Bukhaari)*

47. **Lowering one's gaze:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said that Allaah says: ***"A lustful look is like a poisoned arrow of Satan; whoever refrains from it out of fear from Me, I will replace it with belief whose sweetness he will find in his heart."*** *(Tabaraani)*

48. **Enjoining good and forbidding evil:** The Prophet

(ﷺ) said: ***"Whoever sees an evil should stop it with his hands; if he is unable to do so, then with his tongue; if he is unable to do that, then with his heart (by hating it), and this is the lowest level of belief."*** *(Bukhaari)*

49. Attending virtuous gatherings: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Never do a group of people gather to mention Allaah the Almighty, except that they will be surrounded with angels; the mercy of Allaah will descend upon them, tranquillity will shade them and Allaah will mention them (with pride) in front of the angels."*** *(Muslim)*

50. Guarding one's tongue: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whoever guarantees (i.e., restrains) what is between his two jaws (i.e., the tongue), and what is between his legs (i.e., the private parts), I will guarantee him Paradise."*** *(Muslim)*

51. Guiding people to virtue: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Every good done to others is a charity, and the one who guides to a good deed gets the same reward as the one who performs the good deed."*** *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

52. Calling people to the religion of Allaah: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"One who calls people towards guidance gains the same reward (from Allaah) as***

those who follow him, without their reward being reduced." *(Muslim)*

53. **Concealing people's faults:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whoever conceals others' faults in this life; Allaah will conceal his faults on the Day of Resurrection."*** *(Muslim)*

54. **Perseverance:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Never is a Muslim is afflicted with a calamity, sadness, worry, harm, or hardship - even a prick of a thorn - except that Allaah, will expiate his sins (due to this)."*** *(Bukhaari)*

55. **Expiation of a gathering:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whoever sits in a gathering and commits bad deeds (i.e., speech) in it; then says before he stands up to leave: 'Subhaanaka Allaahumma wa bihamdika, ash-hadu allaa ilaaha illaa ant, astaghfiruka wa atoobu ilayk,' Allaah will forgive that which he committed during the gathering."*** *(Tirmidhi)*

56. **Rearing daughters:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"He who has three daughters, and he shelters them, provides for them and is merciful to them, will definitely be admitted into Paradise."*** *(Ahmad)*

57. **Kindness to animals:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"A man saw a dog panting and eating mud out of thirst; so the***

man used his shoe to give the dog some water from a well. Allaah appreciated this action and admitted him into Paradise." *(Bukhaari)*

58. Not asking anything of people: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whosoever guarantees me that he will not ask people for anything, I can guarantee him Paradise."*** *(Bukhaari)*

59. Exalting Allaah: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whosoever says: 'Subhaanallaah wa bihamdih' one hundred times a day, Allaah will forgive his sins even if they were as great as the foam of the sea."*** *(Bukhaari & Muslim)*

60. Charity with continuous benefit: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"When a son of Adam dies, he ceases to gain (additional) benefit from his deeds except from three: a charity that is continuous in benefit, beneficial knowledge and a righteous child that supplicates for him."*** *(Muslim)*

61. Giving charity from the husband's wealth: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"If a woman spends from the wealth of her house without causing harm (to her family), she will get the reward of what she spent and her husband also gets a reward because he earned it. (Moreover) the one who is entrusted with money gets the same reward (of spending it), without any of them***

(the wife and the entrusted) decreasing the rewards of the others." *(Bukhaari)*

62. **Honesty in trade:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"When two people trade, they have the choice (to proceed with or stop the transaction), so if they are honest and clarify (e.g., defects in their merchandise) their trade will be blessed, but if they lie and conceal (defects) there will be no blessing in their trade."*** *(Bukhaari)*

63. **Relieving Muslims:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whosoever relieves another Muslim of any hardship, Allaah will relieve him from one of the hardships of the Day of Resurrection."*** *(Muslim)*

64. **Assisting people:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Every day, charity is due from each of your joints; assisting a man to mount his beast or helping him load his luggage on it is a charity."*** *(Bukhaari)*

65. **Intercession to fulfil people's needs:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Intercede (to fulfil people's needs) and you will be rewarded."*** *(Bukhaari)*

66. **Supplicating for parents:** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Allaah the Almighty and Exalted will raise the rank of the righteous slave in Paradise, then the slave will ask 'O Allaah! How did I attain this rank?' Allaah will reply, 'By virtue of your child's supplication for***

your forgiveness.' " *(Ahmad)*

67. Supplicating for Muslims in their absence: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whenever a Muslim supplicates for his Muslim brother in his absence, an angel says: 'You will get the same (as you supplicated for).' "*** *(Muslim)*

68. Immediately following up a sin with a good deed: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Fear Allaah wherever you are, and follow up a sin with a good deed, it will eradicate it - and deal with people kindly."*** *(Ahmad)*

69. ***Defending Muslims in their absence:*** The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Whosoever defends his Muslim brother in his absence, Allaah will keep the Hellfire away from his face on the Day of Resurrection."*** *(Tirmidhi)*

70. Being fair between people: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: ***"Every day that the sun rises, charity is due from each of your joints, and being fair between people is a charity."*** *(Bukhaari)*